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"The Soviet Army gave the possibility to the Yugoslav Communist Party to come to power....unfriendliness and ingratitude towards the Soviet Union has been the attitude of the Yugoslav leaders toward the military and civil specialists sent to them....placing them under observation, shadowing them and refusing to supply them with requisite information. We also have Soviet specialists....We only speak with profound gratitude about these Soviet specialists.... Bulgaria can develop on road to socialism only by the help and support of the USSR.... The Yugoslav leaders reduced their party to a semilegal life, abased its leading role, merged it within the non-Party National Front. There can be no true love for ones own fatherland if that love is in any degree whatsoever opposed to the love for the Soviet Union....We are bound in life and death with the fraternal Yugoslav peoples and with the Yugoslav Communist Party.... We cannot be indifferent to that which is happening in the midst of our brothers. It is our duty to help them to overcome quicker the crises, to consolidate our ties, yet further our criticism must be directed exclusively against the errors of the present Yugoslav leaders who have hitherto acted in secret from Party and people and at present take a hostile stand toward USSR and the Communist Parties.... We neither have nor foresee any particular mission for us. We are only profoundly apprehensive and supremely interested in the soonest possible recovery of the fraternal Tugoslav Communist Party. The Fatherland Front will draw a serious lesson for itself out of the Yugoslav crisis. We can and we must today with clear conscience and clear eyes turn to our Soviet brothers."

There are no indications in Sofia that the break between Yugoslavia and the Cominform was staged. Premier Georgi Dimitrov is rumored to be in Moscow for instructions, and is therefore silent for the time being.

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